(e) what are the reasons therefor and whether any steps have been taken to offer alternative flats to those affected ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 133 applications were received for the Nehru Place Distt. Centre and all were allotted flats through draw of lots.

(c) Approximately Rs. 1.62 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Construction could not commence due to ban on high-rise buildings imposed by the Government of India in October, 1985. Out of 133 registrants, 87 withdrew their registration, while 13 cases were cancelled due to non-payment of instalments. The remaining 33 registrants have been offered commercial flats at Bhikaji Cama Place.

Regularisation of watchmen in F.C.I.

3726. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of watchmen employed by the Food Corporation of India in Punjab have not been regularised though they have been working since 1986; and

(b) if so, whether the denial of status and right of permanent workmen to them is not violative of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India have reported the position in this regard was that FCI has appointed licenced contractors in some depots for providing security services and such contractors employ security guards, even though FCI is registered as the Principal employer. The question of regularisation of security guards employed by contractors does not arise.

Running of Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Madras

3727. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Madras; and

(b) if so, by when this proposal would be taken up and the present stage in which it is being considered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrival of Trains

3728. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
T. A. MOHAMMED :
SAQHY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many times, Tamil Nadu Express, GT Express, AP Express and Karnataka Express have reached their respective destinations late during the last three years, year wise, train-wise and destination-wise figures;

(b) what are the technical reasons for this wanton delay; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to run these trains as per schedule; if so, the details there of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) A Statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Mainly un-avoidable reasons like agitations, bandhs, alarm chain pulling, cyclonic weather, accidents and equipment failures.

(c) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring.